GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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COAL BED METHANE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose an investment of around Rs. 270crore for the exploration and production of coal bed methane in the five blocks awarded to the ONGC-IOC combine;

(b) if so, whether the ONGC-IOC have plans for joint venture of investing Rs.70 crore in Bokaro and Rs.39 crore in the north Karanpura blocks in Jharkhand;

(c) whether the Union Government has sanctioned six new pilot projects for the production of gasohol, a mixture of 5 percent ethanol and petrol;

(d) if so, the details of these projects; and

(e) the places where these are likely to be set up?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) No, Sir. Under the Coal Bed Methane (CBM) Policy, no investment from the Government is required.

(b) The investments by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) and Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.(IOC) consortium in the North Karanpura and Bokaro CBM blocks will be made according to the minimum work programmesubmitted in the respective bids for these blocks.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) & (e):-The locations of these six pilot projects are given below:-

	Location	State
1.	Rajamundry	Andhra Pradesh
2.	Bhatinda	Punjab
3.	Pathankot	Punjab
4.	Gonda	Uttar Pradesh
5.	Nazibabad	Uttar Pradesh
6.	Panki, Kanpur	Uttar Pradesh